

LEAD-BASED PAINT POISONING PREVENTION ORDINANCE

EIGHT YEAR REVIEW

9/23/14

Overview:

Through eight years of the lead ordinance we have inspected a total of 73,534 structures and 115,634 individual dwelling unit's city wide, some units and structures have been inspected more than once during this period of time. We completed inspections at all 17,951 structures with residential dwelling units located in the designated "high risk" area in year five.

Compliance Rates:

Exterior Inspections: Of the 73,534 structures inspected, 86% did not have an exterior lead violation. Of the 9,987 structures cited with exterior lead violations 64% have complied as of June 30, 2014.

Interior Inspections: Of the 115,634 units inspected 95% passed the visual aspect of the inspection. Of the 5,804 units cited with interior deteriorated paint violations 78% have complied as of June 30, 2014.

We have performed lead dust wipe testing in 29,330 units and 89% of those units tested passed. We have not seen a dramatic difference in the passing rate of occupied (89%) vs. vacant (89%) units, as was the expressed concern of the landlords prior to the adoption of the ordinance. Of the 3,182 units cited with a lead dust hazard 98% have complied as of June 30, 2014.

Reimbursement for Private Clearance:

\$100 reimbursements for the cost of lead clearance testing were available to property owners in the first four years of the ordinance, over this period of time we processed a total of 1,665 reimbursements. This reimbursement has since been discontinued due to funding.

Enforcement:

Prior to the implementation of the lead ordinance we discussed utilizing a vacate order in situations where we recognized a severe case of interior deteriorated paint or a lead dust hazard and where children resided, if the violations were not corrected in a timely manner. In the first eight years of the ordinance we have issued 515 vacate orders for these types of situations. During this same eight year period we have issued tickets to 1,880 properties for non-compliance of lead ordinance violations.